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NEXT MEETING: November 9, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hellgate High School Cafeteria
PROGRAM: Tom Kovalicky will give the Mountaineers a sneak preview of "The What and Why of Wilderness." Don't miss it!

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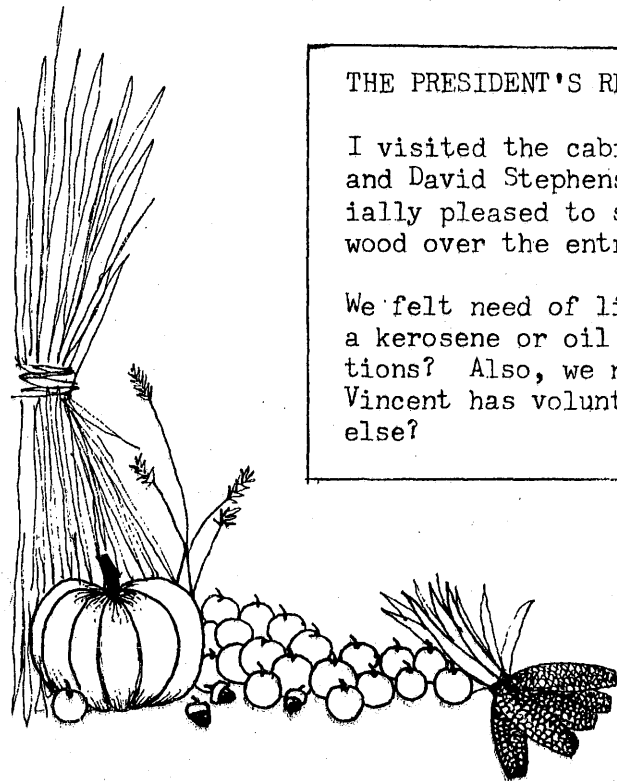
A complete listing of our current membership appears at the end of this issue. Welcome to all who joined us this summer and in September! If by some incredible stroke of fate your name is misspelled, wrong, or missing, please call Virginia or Annette and we will hasten to make corrections in the December Mountain Ear.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CABIN:

I visited the cabin on October 22 and 23 with Sharon and David Stephenson. All was in order. I was especially pleased to see the new green roof and the plywood over the entrance.

We felt need of light--candles or a lantern. Perhaps a kerosene or oil lantern would be safer. Any donations? Also, we needed scouring gear. Virginia Vincent has volunteered to donate a scrubber. Anyone else?

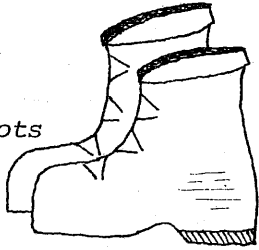
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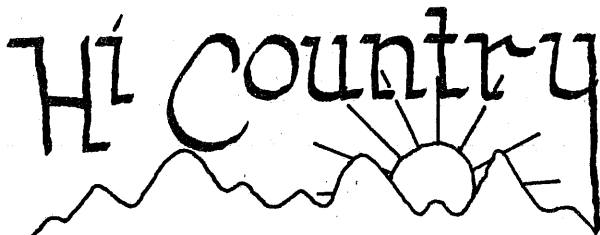
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10-6
Friday evenings open until 8

NEW YEAR's in the mountains! What better way to start 1978. Space is being reserved at Elkhorn Hot Springs for another club get-together. The area west of Dillon, at Polaris, Montana, offers ski-touring, snowshoeing, downhill skiing at Maverick Mountain, and swimming in a hot pool.

We will need to have some idea BY NOVEMBER 15 of who wants to go and when, between December 26 and January 2. Then we'll take deposits when we are sure of which cabins are available. (We are already requesting a basic number of beds.) Committee consists of Betty Rosenkrantz, 549-5510 and Betty Johnson, 549-1763, so please let one or the other know so we can firm up about 3 nights for the group.

The accommodations are best described as semi-rustic; the varying-sized cabins, at various prices, have wood heaters (split your own), gas or electric cook stoves, refrigerators, beds, bunks, or cots. Sorry, no running water or indoor toilets this time of year (and it does get cold at 7700' elevation!).

There are also rooms in the two-story log lodge. For those not desiring to cook for themselves meals can be obtained at the lodge. Prices are the same as last year and tend to be very reasonable.



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AUTUMN-WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, 1977

Trip Classification: Easy--generally under 8 miles round trip and suitable for family participation. Moderate--approximately 8-16 miles; may include steep terrain or some off-trail travel; some overnight backpacking; recent experience desirable. Difficult--(toughies!) long, steep, or indefinite mileage; rough trail or bushwacking; prepare for unpredictable conditions; experience outdoorsperson in good physical condition.

It is advisable to contact leader in advance to determine trip conditions, meeting place, and degree of difficulty of trip. The leader has the option of limiting the number of participants on the trip.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>
Nov. 12	Charlotte Gill 543-8454	Hemlock Lake in the Missions. Leave East-gate parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Moderate, 4 miles one way.
Nov. 12-13	John & Annette Walker 549-0286	Glacier Park to view the eagles. Camp overnight near park. Call if you wish to go.
Nov. 19-20	open	
Nov. 25-27	Jim Ullrich 549-2844	Mt. Harding winter climb. Difficult.
Dec. 3	Dave and Pat Washburn 543-5678	Sleeping Child Hot Springs. Call for details.
Dec. 4	Sharon Weeks 728-2942	Lolo Pass cross-country skiing. If no snow, hike to Jerry Johnson Hot Springs.
Dec. 14	-----	Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hellgate High Cafeteria.
Dec. 17	Andrea Hartman	Day trip to undetermined location. Probably cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
Christmas-New Years	see announcement, page 2.	Elkhorn Hot Springs for cross-country, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, swimming. Details later.
Jan. 7-8	Mary Jean Ungaretti 728-0026	Downhill skiing at Big Mountain. Details later.



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